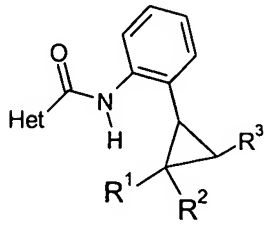
Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A compound of formula (I):



(I)

Het is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring containing one to three heteroatoms, each independently selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, the ring being substituted by groups R^4, R^5 and R^6; R^1 is hydrogen or halo; R^2 is hydrogen or halo; R^3 is optionally substituted C_{2-12} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-12} alkenyl, optionally substituted C_{2-12} alkynyl, optionally substituted C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl; and R^4, R^5 and R^6 are, independently, selected from hydrogen, halo, cyano, nitro, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy(C_{1-4})alkyl and C_{1-4} haloalkoxy(C_{1-4})alkyl, provided that at least one of R^4, R^5 and R^6 is not hydrogen.

2. (Original) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 where Het is pyrrolyl, pyrazolyl, thiazolyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, thiophenyl, furyl, isothiazolyl or isoxazolyl, each being substituted by groups R^4, R^5 and R^6.

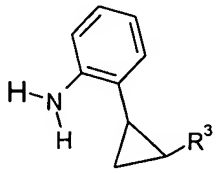
3. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~ where R^1 is hydrogen or fluoro.

4. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1~~, 2 or 3~~ where R^2 is hydrogen or fluoro.

5. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1~~, 2, 3 or~~ 4 where R^3 is C_{2-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, phenyl, thienyl or furyl.

6. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1~~, 2, 3, 4 or 5~~ where R^4, R^5 and R^6 are, independently, selected from hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl and C_{1-4} alkoxy(C_{1-4})alkyl; provided that at least one of R^4, R^5 and R^6 is not hydrogen.

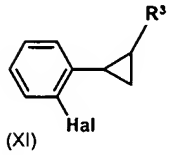
7. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (II):



(II)

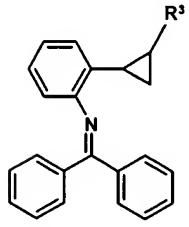
where R^3 is as defined in claim 1 ~~or 5~~.

8. (Original) A process for preparing a compound of formula (II) as claimed in claim 7 which comprises a step using a Pd(II)catalyst-ligand-system where the ligand is selected from a suitable sterically demanding phosphine to react a compound of formula (XI)



(XI)

with benzophenone imine optionally in the presence of a base to produce a compound of formula (XII)



(XII)

where Hal is bromo or iodo; and R^3 is as defined in claim 7.

9. (Original) A composition for controlling microorganisms and preventing attack and infestation of plants therewith, wherein the active ingredient is a compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 together with a suitable carrier.

10. (Original) A method of controlling or preventing infestation of cultivated plants by phytopathogenic microorganisms by application of a compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 to plants, to parts thereof or the locus thereof..